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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT : Larger CIA Role in International  
Narcotics Matters

1. This memorandum is for the information of the DCI.
2. CIA, in supporting the U.S. Government's effort over the last two years to stem the flow of heroin into the United States, has pursued a reactive role, responding primarily to specific requirements from agencies now represented on the Cabinet Committee for International Narcotics Control (CCINC). In the judgment of our customers we have done what has been asked of us, with the result that CIA's role keeps expanding. Now Mr. Egil Krogh, Executive Director of CCINC, is pressing CIA to take a much stronger lead in collecting and producing intelligence on major trafficking systems abroad that produce, refine, and move heroin to the U.S.
3. Mr. Krogh and his staff, after citing excellent CIA reporting and finished production on Southeast Asia [redacted] asked that CIA assign a higher priority and more resources to collection in Europe, Latin America, Near East, and Asia. His designation of CIA in October 1971 as the coordinator of the CCINC Intelligence Subcommittee was directed toward the same end. On 26 November 1971 he asked that CIA survey its needs for new funds and additional personnel for fiscal years 1972 and 1973 in order to expand collection and production.
4. On 9 December 1971 a special ad hoc committee of outside experts, convened by Mr. Krogh and Mr. Edward David, the President's Scientific Advisor, to examine all aspects of the narcotics supply problem, completed their deliberations. I understand they will strongly recommend that the U.S. Government assign the highest priority and additional resources to collecting and producing intelligence on the major narcotics trafficking systems world-wide. They also will recommend that the U.S. Government assign a very low priority and few resources and political capital on eliminating opium cultivation.

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5. The CCINC, on 16 December 1971, will also examine the question of assigning a higher priority to intelligence as part of overall reappraisal of U.S. Government policy assumptions on narcotics control. A White House Staff paper for CCINC principals will be in hand by 14 December.

6. Two factors behind this rising pressure for an expanded CIA effort are: (a) political imperatives for visible success against the flow of heroin into the U.S. before the fall of 1972, and (b) Mr. Krogh's conviction that BNDD cannot perform the intelligence job.

8. With regard to Mr. Krogh's question about additional monies and personnel, this will require each of the Directorates to survey their needs in line with a higher priority effort.

Coordinator

Concur:

13 DEC 1971

Deputy Director for Plans

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Deputy Director for Intelligence

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Major General Edward B. Giller, USAF  
Assistant General Manager for  
Military Application  
Atomic Energy Commission  
Washington, D. C. 20545

Dear General Giller:

25X1 In a letter dated 15 January 1971 [ ] and  
[ ] were named to serve as our representatives on  
the Atomic Energy Commission Nuclear Weapon and Materials  
Detection Steering Group. [ ] recently left our Office of  
25X1 Research and Development and will no longer be able to partici-  
pate in the activities of the Steering Group. Hence, we have asked  
[ ] of the Office of Research and Development  
25X1 to replace [ ]

25X1 [ ] is in the Physics-Chemistry Division and is  
in charge of the Office of Research and Development's programs  
in semiconductor nuclear-radiation detectors and in focusing  
techniques. Both of these programs have as their goal the detec-  
tion and identification of nuclear materials. [ ] is fully  
25X1 aware of this Agency's needs in this area.

Sincerely,

[ ]

Carl E. Duckett  
Deputy Director  
for  
Science and Technology

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